

Leicester, Mass. Sept. 13/59.

Dear friend Webb;

About a week since I had a letter from your son Richard, - as you doubtless have had, before this. He reported his arrival at San Francisco - said he repaired at once to the Post Office, & found my letter awaiting him. One of the letters of introduction, ^{enclosed} he made speedy use of - that to Mr. Sherman (if I now have the name correctly) who was a Neill, of Belfast. ^[Sherwood, I find, is the name.] He could not then tell when he should leave California to come to the Atlantic States. The photograph of C. F. Hovey, which I purchased for you, is in Mr. Wallcut's hands, ready for Richard whenever he may appear; - but I have left a message that he is, in no case, to leave Boston without my seeing him. I hope to be there when he arrives. I am hoping every week to get a letter from you, in reply to one I sent to you, of Aug. 7th. I await instructions about a payment to the Standard, and I am anxious to know what is wanted of me in relation to a Memorial of Garrison for the Glasgow work.

Being in Boston last Saturday, I was at 21 Cornhill when the Advocate for September arrived. There were none for me. Mr. Wallcut rec'd. his number, together with several deficient back numbers. Mr. Garrison & C. R. W. only received theirs. Perhaps mine will yet appear, but

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heretofore they have, almost invariably, come together. If they should not appear, by next Mail, I will not fail to let you know, in the hope that you may be able to furnish me the nos. from your reserved supply.

Thank you for notice of our Annual Report. That series has got badly in arrears, but I am determined to bring them up, & set them in order again; but I foresee much labour yet, first.

I hope something effective may come of the new A.S. movement in London. I think Chepman will work. I fear G.T. will not be able to do much. Was glad to see that the Reporter had, at last, got so bold as to publish a speech of W. Phillips's.

Dr. Bowditch has returned to Boston, but I have not yet seen ~~at~~ him, & don't know if he went to Dublin. - I am writing again to S. J. May, as you will see. I hope he will visit Dublin, and have heard, indirectly, that he meant to do so. I am urging him to go to Edinburgh and Bristol, and speak in both cities if possible. If he can do more, I name Leeds, Manchester, Dublin, Glasgow, & a few more; but I fear he can't do them all. He expects to remain in Eng^d. until the middle or last of October - which will give him abundant time for all this, if he has strength for it. I am anxious to have him go in for a good Antislavery effort in G.B.ⁿ - (i.e. if his health allows) - for I

feel sure he is the man to make a very favorable impression for our cause. You will not lose any opportunity to influence him to this end, I am sure.

I see Fred. Douglass is going to England again. He will do mischief, of course. I think he will not have much to say of the American A.S. Society and its members in public - he will carefully avoid anything beyond insinuation and implication, at which he is a master; but in private his malice will have full swing, I do not doubt. You will have an eye upon him, unquestionably.

Do you see A. Ballou's "Practical Christian"? His last number had a noticeable article in it on our question. I think Garrison will copy it, and reply to some rather over-statements in it.

With respects to Mrs Webb,

Ever truly Yrs

S. May Jr.

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